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C O N F I D E N T I A L TEHRAN 8707

E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: IR EEC ETRD

SUBJ: IRAN'S IMPORT OF INDUSTRIAL RAW MATERIALS

1. PRIME MINISTER HOVEYDA INFORMED AMBASSADOR DECEMBER 10 THAT HE HAD INSTRUCTED THE IRANIAN AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON TO SEEK ASSISTANCE FROM U.S. GOVERNMENT TO ENSURE CONTINUED SUPPLIES FOR RAW MATERIALS FOR IRAN'S INDUSTRIAL PLANTS, PARTICULARLY PETROCHEMICAL FEEDSTOCKS. HE PROMISED AMBASSADOR A COPY OF THE LIST OF ITEMS IRAN IS FINDING IT DIFFICULT TO PROCURE AND HE ASKED FOR THE AMBASSADOR'S ASSISTANCE IN THE EFFORT. THE LIST WILL BE SENT WHEN RECEIVED.

2. PRIME MINISTER ADDED THAT HE IS SENDING MISSIONS TO EAST AND WEST EUROPE, JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES IN ORDER TO DISCUSS WITH THOSE COUNTRIES THE CONTINUED SUPPLY OF IMPORTED  
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MATERIALS NEEDED BY IRAN.

3. THE PRIME MINISTER URGED THAT SPECIAL CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO IRAN'S REQUIREMENTS. IF NOT, IRAN MAY BE FORCED AGAINST ITS WISHES TO CHANGE ITS OIL POLICY IN ORDER TO ENSURE THE CONTINUED DELIVERY OF NEEDED SUPPLIES. THE PRIME MINISTER DID NOT WISH TO BE PUT INTO A POSITION OF HAVING TO RECOMMEND A CHANGE OF HIS GOVERNMENT'S POLICY. HOWEVER, IF, FOR INSTANCE, BARTER ARRANGEMENTS WITH EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES WERE THE ANSWER TO ACHIEVING ASSURED SUPPLIES, THEN THERE APPEARED TO BE NO OTHER COURSE FOR IRAN TO FOLLOW. HE ADDED THAT MANY EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES WERE OFFERING BARTER DEALS.

4. EMBASSY STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT IF IT AT ALL POSSIBLE SOME SPECIAL CONSIDERATION FOR IRAN'S NEEDS BE WORKED OUT. THE SHAH HAS BEEN STALWART THUS FAR IN MAINTAINING THE FLOW OF IRAN'S OIL WITHOUT REGARD TO POLITICAL GOALS. IT WOULD INDEED BE UNFORTUNATE IF IRAN WERE OBLIGED TO CHANGE ITS OIL POLICY THEREBY ADDING GREATLY TO THE BURDEN BEING SUFFERED BY AN OIL-SHORT WORLD.

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